The price of bulk drug at which the above prices of formulations were fixed is not available. However the notified price of Phenobarbitone at that time was Rs. 580.16 per kg. Company-wise import of bulk drug is not monitored by the Government. Further, Imports Statistics with regard to Phenobarbitone for the year 1991 is also not available.

(e) As per available information, Phenobarbitone/Sodium is manufactured by M/s. IDPL in the country. This company has reported production of 10.76, 5.12 and 2.58 tonnes of this bulk drug during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively.

(f) There is no ceiling pack of formulation based on bulk drug Phenobarbitone Sodium and as such no price has been notified.

Consumption of Raw Materials for the Productions of Bulk Drugs.

3112. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1650 given in the Raja Sabha on 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact Form 6 calls for the information of Consumption of imported and indigenous raw materials separately consumed for the production of Bulk drugs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that similar information is called for from the manufacture of formulations; and

(c) if so, what was the quantity of imported raw material bulk drugs and indigenous raw materials and bulk drugs consumed by each of the multinational Drug Companies during the last three years, year-wise in value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Information regarding indigenous and imported bulk drugs consumed has been prescribed in Form—6. As already answered in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1650 dated 12-9-91, the response to the industry to submission of Form 6 has been quite lukewarm. As such, the details asked for are not available.

Liabilities shown by Multinational Drug Companies

3113. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 683 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of companies out of the nine multinational drug companies referred who have shown liabilities in their balance sheets;

(b) what are the details of liabilities and what is the amount indicated by each company;

(c) what are the names of the companies against whom amount due under DPEA is to be recovered and what are the details of amount due against each;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have come across instances of overcharging, over invoicing in imports and violations of orders and acts by these companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken against each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) To the extent information is available M|s. Glaxo and M|s. Merind had shown the liability in their balance-sheets.

(b) and (c) As per available information, M/s. Glaxo did make a provision of Rs. 30.86 crores in its accounts for 1987-88 as its liability for DPEA claims which, in

the next year's accounts, was reduced by it to Rs. 25.63 crores and M/s. Merind had shown its liability under DPEA as Rs. 4.86 crores in its annual account for the year ending December, 1983.

Names of the companies against whom amount due under DPEA is to be recovered and the details of amount due against each has already been given in the annexure to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 670 answered on 28th November, 1991.

(d) and (e) The details of cases of overcharging and overinvoicing have already been given in the annexure to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1-8-1991.

Reduction of Prices of Drugs

3114. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 680 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details of difference of opinion on the reduction of prices of drugs between BICP and Government and when these were sorted out;

(b) what were the basis on which Government have reduced the price of bulk drugs and when was Government asked DPRC Sub-committee to work out the formulation prices of each drug;

(c) whether the issue is differences of opinion was raised by the Member Secretary in the DPRC meeting; and

(d) if so, when and what was the decision of the committee and when that was communicated to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a), (c) and (d) In the process of fixation/revision of prices, seeking of certain clarifications is an integral part of official working in such matters. These clarifications etc. are an essential input for the fixation/revision of prices.

(b) The reduction in prices of drugs was done on the basis of some complaints and after examination and scrutiny of relevant data available with the Department. BICP was intimated soon after reduced prices of drugs were notified.

Fixing the prices of Alcagel and Carelagin tablets

3115. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 661 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Crews Pharmaceuticals did not submit applications for price fixation of Alcagel and Carelagin tablets after crossing the limit of Rs. 50 lakhs in sales turnover;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the company for violation of provision of Drugs Prices Control Order;

(c) when M/s. Crews Pharmaceuticals submitted price approval application and what price was fixed for each product;

(d) what was the price being charged for each at the time of submission of price approval application;

(e) what was the total number of products being produced by M/s. Crews after crossing the turn over limit and what is the name and price of each at that time;

(f) whether it is a fact that company had claimed that they submitted their applications for price approval to Assistant Development Commissioner; and

(g) what are the details of these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Company had submitted their price fixation application in respect of Alcagel and Carelegin Tablets, both in 10's pack, in 1986 claiming price of Rs. 1.54 and Rs. 2.80 respectively. As against this, the price fixed by the Government was Rs. 1.03 and Rs. 2.41 respectively.